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Chairperson Casey and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kristi Provuncher, and I am the Executive Director of Zinnia Health, where we operate a 24/7 substance use disorder treatment program providing inpatient and outpatient services. I am writing in support of **House Bill 8040**.

In my work, I see how challenging the transition can be for individuals leaving inpatient treatment. Many patients make meaningful progress in treatment but face uncertainty when they leave, especially if they do not have stable or supportive housing.

Recovery housing provides a safe and structured environment where individuals can continue their recovery while staying connected to treatment and rebuilding their lives. It serves as an important bridge between inpatient care and full independence.

Expanding recovery housing helps strengthen the recovery system in Rhode Island and gives individuals a better chance at sustaining long-term recovery.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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